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FORMER MEMBER OF LABORERS LOCAL 334 INDICTED

A former member of Laborers Local 334, Leonard A. Davis, 39, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Detroit for theft from an employee pension benefit plan, Laborers Annuity Fund - Detroit and Vicinity, United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced today.

Berg was joined in the announcement by:

James Vanderberg, Special Agent in Charge
U.S. Department of Labor - Office of Inspector General
Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud Investigations

William Cotter, Special Agent in Charge
Social Security Administration - Office of Inspector General

Paul Baumann, Regional Director
U.S. Department of Labor - Employee Benefits Security Administration

The one-count indictment charges that between April 24, 2004 and June 25, 2004, Davis fraudulently obtained \$7,787.92 from the Laborers Annuity Fund - Detroit and Vicinity, an employee pension benefit plan subject to Title 1 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, by submitting false social security documentation in support of his claim of permanent disability.

An indictment is only a charge and not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case was investigated by Special Agent Steven Bognar, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of General Inspector, Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud Investigations; Auditor Daniel Barber, U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration; and Special Agent Brad Martin, Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James M. Wouczyna.